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SUBJ: TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 279912 (B) NEW DELHI 17023

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR 279912 AND WILL SET UP PROGRAM AS REQUESTED WITH FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS.

2. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE VISITS TO ESCORTS, LTD., RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS AND FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC ALL IN ONE AFTERNOON AS SUGGESTED PARA 2, REF (A). THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT GROUP VISIT ESCORTS, LTD., ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 7 (SEE OUR SUGGESTION PARA 3, REF (B)).

3. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP INTEREST IN RAILWAYS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS OFFERED TO INCLUDE RAILWAY OFFICIALS IN PLANNED 1130 AM MEETING CHYBOSRY FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM. IF GROUP BELIEVES MORE TIME REQUIRED FOR MOF/RAILWAYS MEETING (SEE AGAIN PARA3, REF (B)). WE COULD EITHER START THE MORNING PROGRAM EARLIER THAN 0900 HOURS OR COMPRESS THE FIRST TWO SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY AND WORLD BANK OFFICIALS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. RE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 PROGRAM, WE SEE NO TROUBLE WITH VISIT TO AGRA INCLUDING VISIT TO POPULATION CONTROL CENTER, THOUGH

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WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO FAMILY PLANNING CENTERS IN OR AROUND

AGRA WITH IFI CONTENT. WORLD BANK AND GOI TELL US THERE ARE NO IFI PROJECTS IN AGRA AREA.

5. TRAIN TRAVEL TO AGRA NOT PRACTICAL SINCE TRAIN LEAVES OLD DELHI STATION AT 0715 HOURS, REQUIRING LEAVING HOTEL AT 0630 HOURS. TRIP TAKES THREE HOURS EACH WAY AND RETURNS TO OLD DELHI STATION AT 2200 HOURS.

6. WE ARE SEEKING AUTHORITY FOR GROUP TO USE ITS 707 AIRCRAFT FOR TIP TO AGRA AND WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM GOI ON THIS. AGRA AIRPORT CAN HANDLE 707 AIRCRAFT BUT IS MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVILIAN AIRPORT. SHOULD AIRCRAFT ALTERNATIVE NOT MATERIALIZE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS TO TRAVEL TO AGRA BY BUS (THREE TO THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS EACH WAY).

7. WE EXPECT NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOI FLIGHT CLEARANCE TO BOMBAY ON JANUARY 9 AND OUT OF BOMBAY ON JANUARY 10. WE BELIEVE SHOULD LEAVE DELHI EARLIER THAN 1030 HOURS; SAY, 0900 HOURS. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AT TAJ MAHAL INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

8. CONGEN BOMBAY ADVISE THAT TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN BOMBAY AIRPORT AND WATERWORKS PROJECT (DAM SITE) IS TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS EACH WAY. WE ARE CHECKING WITH GOI TO SEE IF OTHER MORE CONVENIENT PARTS OF PROJECT COULD BE VISITED AND WILL ADVISE. MOYNIHAN

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